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Indiana State Stream Pollution Control Board
1330 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in regard to the hearing scheduled to take place on March 15, 1977 in regard to the continued use of the McClung Road Landfill in the City of LaPorte, Indiana.

As you may know, this landfill is located in the First Ward area of the City of LaPorte.

During the February 10 meeting of the First Ward Betterment Group a discussion was held in regard to the landfill and many residents living adjacent to the area were present to testify.

Many residents stated they felt the continued use of the area for a landfill would be detrimental to the neighborhood and to natural resources such as adjacent lakes.

Persons present, pointed out that a pond in the area next to the landfill is already discolored and appears to be contaminated. Many fishermen present told the group that Fish Trap Lake also appears to be discolored.

One man told the group that he was forced to change from well water to city water when his 40-foot well became contaminated from the landfill.

Several of the above persons will be willing upon request to make a statement and give there name and address if it is required to substantiate the above condition.

As a result of the above statements made at the meeting, a motion was made that the First Ward Betterment Group go on record as being opposed to the continuation of the McClung Road Landfill. We hope you will enter this record into the minutes of your hearing.

"FOR THE COMMUNITY AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY"

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Several extensions have been given by your Board for the McClung Road Landfill in the past even though it was known that ideal conditions were not present. I believe these extensions were given on a temporary basis with the idea of the City of LaPorte and the LaPorte County governing bodies coming up with a permanent solution so that the present landfill could be closed.

However, after several extensions and much elapsed time, it appears that there is no permanent solution under consideration at this time and the problems with the McClung Road Landfill are growing worse. Maybe, to the point that they will cause irreparable damage to the area for future years.

I believe that our feelings have also been substantiated in past news releases and meetings by LaPorte County Health Department Administrator, Donald Wingstrom.

In closing, I hope your board will take a hard stand in this matter so that the responsible parties will reach a permanent solution to this problem in the near future. Surely, the people of LaPorte County and the City of LaPorte deserve a better waste control system.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further service in this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Konieczny
President